

Vice Mayor Ian H
ihugh@glendaleaz
 623-930-2249

Cactus District Weekly Update

March 25, 2016

Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

[Cactus District Website](#)

City Announcements

Cactus District Meeting is Less than Two Weeks Away!

Cactus District Meeting!

Come by the Cactus District Spring District Meeting on April 7, from 5-7pm at Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern (enter at 51st Avenue, just south of Northern Avenue).

All are welcome to come out for an opportunity to meet your neighbors and talk with representatives from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code Compliance, Public Works



Vice Mayor Ian Hugh (right) with his wife, Sharon, of 38 years

Q
F
N
C
E
N
S
P
B
C
a
C
S
D
R

Departments, Parks & Recreation, and others.

Dinner and Refreshments will be available!

Please RSVP with Adam Maynes by calling 623-930-2878.

Glendale Credit Rating Raised!



CITY OF GLENDALE RECEIVES A+ WITH BOND RATING UPGRADE

Significantly Improved Financial Situation Cited

For the second time this year, the City of Glendale has received a bond rating upgrade from a financial rating agency. Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has raised its long-term and underlying ratings for the city's general obligation bonds to an A+ from BBB+. The upgrade follows a series of Standard & Poor's downgrades since 2012.

Standard & Poor's cites adequate budgetary performance with balanced operating results, very strong budgetary flexibility with an available fund balance in fiscal year 2015, very strong liquidity and strong management with good financial policies and practices as reasons for the three-notch improvement.

"Financial stability continues to be the top priority for the City of Glendale," says City Manager Kevin Phelps. Today's news is the result of prudent fiscal management by our team members which closely aligns with the goals of our mayor and city council." Earlier this year, Moody's Investors Service upgraded several types of city bonds from A3 to A2 including all of its general obligation bonds.

"We are extremely proud of this upgrade which solidifies the direction we are on," says Assistant City Manager Tom Duensing. "It is a reflection of the difficult but necessary steps the city has taken to address its fiscal condition."

The upgrade serves as an independent, objective evaluation of the city's efforts to stabilize financially. It also potentially allows the city to borrow money at a more competitive rate than it would be able to otherwise. Cities typically use money raised from bonds for large developments or infrastructure projects. For more information about the city of Glendale please visit: www.glendaleaz.com

Vice Mayor Hugh News and Notes from Around the District

E
G
7
L
A

T
S
d
tr
si
T
si
fc
w
tc
e
d
g
G
lc

V
p



Dedication of Enrique Banda Sr. Ball Field

11 a.m., Saturday, April 2, 2016
51st Ave. and Marlette

A field dedication will be held, along with a softball tournament. Mr. Banda was a long-time resident and community supporter, as well as a mentor and leader to hundreds of Glendale youth through his love of sports as a coach. For more information on this event, please contact Mike Gregory at 623-930-2652.



Vice Mayor Hugh Donates a Car to a Glendale Mother in Need

Glendale Vice Mayor Ian Hugh has donated a car to Glendale Mother Tracey Thomas with special needs children after a local Police Officer heard the Mother's story and looked to find out how she could receive help.

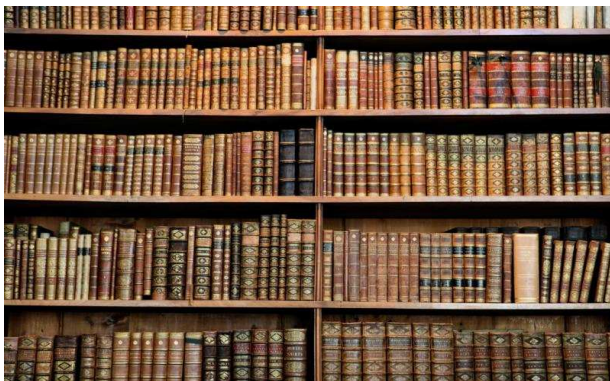
Originally aired on local Glendale Channel 3 on Friday, February 26, 2016, and was captured by TVEyes Media Monitoring Suite with a link to the video [here](#).



Camelback Ranch Glendale Spring Training Opening Day 2016

Vice Mayor Hugh joined the City of Glendale in celebrating Opening Day of the 2016 Spring Training season at Camelback Ranch Glendale on March 3, 2016. Camelback Ranch is the home of the Chicago White Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers and fans of both teams and the sport enjoyed a great day of baseball and the start of new baseball season. Watch the short recap [here](#).

YOUR INPUT MATTERS!!



Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library

In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale. The Library Advisory Board is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding

preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope

R
5
A

C

T
1
a
th
R
C
T
fe
a

R
ir
L
L
T
C
F
C
P
P
G
R
R
A
R

R
C
5
6

H
M

T
R

of library services. [Details](#)

Vice Mayor Hugh's Glendale Today Segments!



Polo's Italian Cuisine

Watch Vice Mayor Hugh speak with Owner Polo Blanco about his time in Glendale, his favorite dishes, and the live music that his restaurant holds four nights a week.

[Polo's Italian Cuisine](#)



La Purisima Bakery

Watch Vice Mayor Hugh speak with Owner Irma Arellano about her family's time in Glendale, and how every item is made homemade from scratch everyday causing lines to stretch out to the street.

[La Purisima Bakery](#)



Kiss the Cook

Watch Vice Mayor Hugh speak with Owner Nancy Hagadorn about her family's time in Glendale, and the many different fresh breakfast and lunch meals that they offer to loyal customers every day.

[Kiss the Cook](#)

Notes From Around the Cactus District

 A poster for the Mayors' Big Dog Run. The text "MAYORS' BIG DOG RUN" is prominently displayed in white and red. Below it, the date "Sat. March 26, 2016" is written in large red letters. Further down, the registration and kickstand times are listed: "Registration: 7:30 a.m. | Kickstands Up: 9:00 a.m." and the location "Thunderbird School of Global Management". The background of the poster shows a close-up of a dog's head.

MAYORS' BIG DOG RUN

Sat. March 26, 2016

Registration: 7:30 a.m. | Kickstands Up: 9:00 a.m.

Thunderbird School of Global Management

fe
a
in
s
a
a
p
lr

R
C
5
6
(€
0
T
o
d

A
fa
si
le
le
p
si
in
d
w
si
a
p
a
L
u
yi
p
L
T
w
fc



Mayors' Big Dog Run

Please join Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Military & Veteran Affairs Committee for a motorcycle rally & ride to raise funds for the ASU Veterans Scholarship Education Fund. Kickstands-up at 9:00 a.m. at Thunderbird School of Global Management Campus.

This unique ride will feature excursions through Luke AFB and University of Phoenix Stadium. The ride ends at the Desert Rose Pizza & Gastropub in Historic Downtown Glendale, where everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the festivities! A live band "Demolition: A Tribute to the Wrecking Crew" will play, and lunch will be served. Riders' wristbands are their meal ticket. Also, on display will be military vehicles. The ride entry fee benefits the ASU Veterans Scholarship Education Fund. Arrowhead Harley - Davidson has donated raffle prizes, and drawings will be held at Desert Rose.

End Location: Desert Rose Pizza & Gastropub, Downtown Glendale

Rules of the ride:

1. This is NOT an escorted ride. Riders are expected to follow the rules of the road, obey all traffic signals, etc. A suggested route with staging points will be provided to riders at registration.
2. Helmets are REQUIRED due to our special excursion through Luke AFB. No weapons are allowed on Luke AFB. Luke AFB is allowing the ride on the base due to the veteran-related scholarships benefited by the ride. Without exception, anyone who is in violation of these rules will not be allowed access to Luke AFB. You will have to pull off and find an alternate route. Period.
3. Minors under age 16 are not allowed to participate in the ride, even as passengers. Riders with minors under age 16 as passengers will not be allowed to register/participate in the ride.



Make Your Taxes Less Taxing Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by appointment only), through Apr. 18, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.



GLENDALE YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Glendale Youth Sports League (GYSL) is winding up for the exciting Summer 2016 Baseball, Softball and T-Ball season. Registration takes place March 14 - April 8, practice starts mid-May and games begin June 6.

Batter up! The following brackets are being offered:

T-Ball: Co-ed Ages 4-6



Baseball: Pee-wee Ages 6-8 (coach pitch) Rookies Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Softball: Ponytail Ages 6-8 (coach pitch)

Cholla Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Registration fee is \$55 for Glendale residents (or \$75 for non- residents) and includes a team t-shirt and baseball cap. An additional fee of \$10 will be charged during late registration April 11-15, 2016. Sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820. Players can also register in person on Saturday, March 26, 1-4 p.m. at Peter Piper Pizza, 4315 W. Glendale Ave. in Glendale.

BE A VOLUNTEER COACH!

Persons age 18 and older can submit a Coach Application to Glendale Parks and Recreation Office, 5970 W. Brown St., by Friday, April 15. For more information about GYSL, volunteering as a coach or to learn about program sponsorship opportunities, contact Mike Davis, Glendale Parks and Recreation, at 623-930-2841 or via email at mdavis@glendaleaz.com.

GLENDALE'S SIDEWALK SALE APRIL 2

Downtown Event Kicks Off Operation Women Warriors Donation Drive

Bring your walking shoes and be ready to hit the pavement at Glendale's 7th annual Sidewalk & Porch Sale on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. The event will include many retailers offering discounts up to 75 percent off.



Spring has sprung, and what better way to enjoy it than shopping outdoors and participating in some fun activities? A leisurely stroll through downtown Glendale will allow shoppers to take advantage of the great weather and enjoy the historic setting. Along the way you'll also find a lemonade stand, ice cream treats and more. The shops in Catlin Court will showcase their specialties on their lawns, sidewalks and porches, and Old Towne shops will feature great finds and bargains inside the shops. The day is not just about shopping! Visitors will also be able to enjoy a musical performance by the Ironwood High School Band at 1 p.m. at the Murphy Park Amphitheater. This 90-member concert band has received 'Excellent' and 'Superior' ratings recently, and thanks to a grant from the city of Glendale's Performing Arts Partnership Program, the concert band has received extra instruction from three local groups of professional musicians. This performance for the community will be a showcase of their recent training and hard work.

In addition, the Glendale Visitor Center, in partnership with Soroptimist International of the Kachinas of Glendale, is kicking off a campaign to honor all deployed women by collecting donations for Operation Women Warriors. The Operation Women Warriors project will send specialized care packages to female soldiers stationed overseas. Needed items include bulk hard candies, travel-sized toiletries, facial lotion with sunscreen, foot cream, SPF lip balm, personal hygiene products, cough drops and hair bands. [Click here for a full list of needed items](#)

Attendees are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140, to pick up a downtown walking map along with a West Valley info pack, and to drop off any donations. For more details on the event, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or visit the website.



New Glendale Farmers Market Begins April 9 In Historic Downtown Glendale.

Twice-Monthly Market Promotes "Eat Fresh ~ Buy Local ~ Eat Seasonally"

A new event is 'sprouting' in downtown Glendale this April, with the goal to bring fresh, local produce and handmade goods to Glendale and the West Valley. The new Glendale Farmers Market will kick-off their season on Saturday, April 9, between 8 a.m. and noon. The market will be located in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church, 7102 N. 58th Dr.

The market will be held in the heart of historic Downtown Glendale, at the southwest corner of 58th Drive and Palmaire, every second and fourth Saturday for the months of April through July, with a brief break and will resume again for the months of September through November. Abundant free covered parking is available in the adjacent parking garage.

"We invite everyone across the Valley to come down on these Saturday mornings to the charming, tree lined area that is the perfect spot to purchase fresh, locally-farmed produce and browse vendors selling other goods that are also made here locally," said Linda Moran-Whittle, owner of Papa Ed's Ice Cream in the Catlin Court Historic District. "And not only that, visitors can have breakfast or lunch, and enjoy a stroll to the many shops and boutiques that have made downtown Glendale such a unique and popular destination."

The Glendale Farmers Market's mission is to create a community gathering place in historic Downtown Glendale, while supporting local farmers, small businesses and community based organizations, many of which will also be invited to participate in various ways. In addition, the purpose of the market is to provide a marketplace for healthy, nutritious and sustainable foods systems for residents throughout the Valley.

Additional highlights planned for the market include:

- Meeting local farmers, agricultural vendors, and home product vendors
- Food truck specialties and a variety of local eateries
- Handcrafted and one-of-a-kind items for sale
- Community booth with information from area wide 501(c) (3) organizations, local program resources, services and more
- Educational seminars with information and demonstrations about healthy food choices and how to prepare nutritious meals for all ages
- Guest speakers presenting a variety of topics of interest including history of the area, gardening and art
- Kids activities



The Glendale Farmers Market is produced by Kathy VanDerworp and sponsored by Visit Glendale (Glendale Convention & Visitor Bureau) and The First United Methodist Church. For market information contact: glendalefarmersmarket58@gmail.com. For additional information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or www.visitglendale.com.



**2016 Glendale Family Bike Ride
Online Pre-Registration is OPEN**

www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride to pre-register and complete waiver forms.

Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the free annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road.

This is a ride for all ages and features three routes - short, long, and extended (6, 15, or 23 miles) through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge. For more information go to

www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.

**Glendale Empowerment Expo
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Saturday, April 23, 2016
Glendale Civic Center**

The Glendale Empowerment Expo, hosted by Glendale's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, will connect local community members with more than 20 nonprofits, community-based organizations and government agencies serving individuals with physical disabilities. The event will feature a resource and information fair, an open forum town hall style meeting to encourage public dialogue about important topics and issues facing persons with disabilities and an award ceremony recognizing one outstanding individual and one service provider organization for their significant contribution toward improving the quality of life for the disabled community in Glendale.





ALL ABOARD FOR A GLENDALE HISTORICAL JOURNEY: 13TH ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION TOUR

Space is Limited for this Popular Tour Sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride

Take a step back through time during Glendale's 13th annual Historic Preservation Tour. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale, as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant.

DATE & TIME OF TOUR

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Check in and Boarding Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Departure Time: 9 a.m.

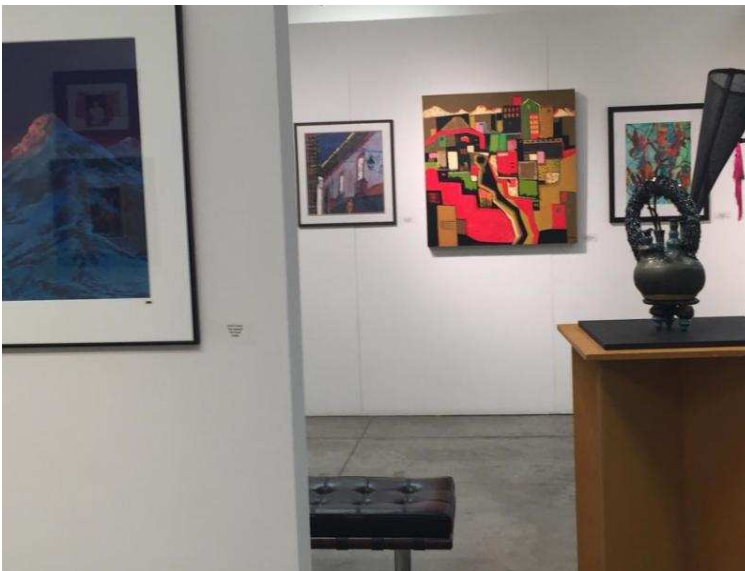
Return Time: Noon

Point of Departure & Return: Glendale Civic Center
5750 W. Glenn Dr.

A detailed itinerary, along with maps and other informational items will be provided on the tour. Participation is limited to the 95 seats available on two motor coaches, and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Children ages 15 and above are welcome, if accompanied by an adult. The tour is offered for free, thanks to a sponsorship from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

To make a reservation or request additional information, contact City Planner Martin Martell at mmartell@glendaleaz.com.

2016 Events and Activity Listings



Arizona Artists Guild's Sixth Annual Juried Statewide Exhibition of Fine Arts

March Gallery Hours: 6 to 9 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays & by appointment, from Mar. 4-26

Opening Reception: The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres on Saturday, Mar. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This exhibition will feature creations by artists from all over the state of Arizona

working in all types of visual art media, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and digital art. The exhibit will be juried by three professionals in the arts: Tim Conte, Visiting Artist - Arizona State University; John Tuomisto-Bell, owner of Tuomisto-Bell Studio and Foundry; and Nathan Feller, drawing and design instructor at Paradise Valley



Community College. Prizes will be awarded by the jurors, including Best of Show (\$1000), Award of Excellence (\$500) and Award of Merit (\$250).

The Arizona Artists Guild was established in 1928 with the mission to encourage the support of local artists working in all artistic media. For more information about the Arizona Artists Guild, visit www.arizonaartistsguild.net.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The Gallery is located at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102, next to Crave Waffle Sandwiche Creations. Admission to the gallery is free and open the public. For more information, please call 623-930-3557 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

Free Classes At Velma Teague Library - Citizenship CLASSES (Citywide)

March 7, 14, 21, 28
Monday Evenings
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This is a 10-week class teaching the fundamentals of U.S. politics, government and history included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. Sponsored by the International Rescue Committee. Classes are free. Registration required. For more information and to register, please contact Violetta Lopez at Violetta.Lopez@Rescue.org or 602-433-2440, ext. 191.

Movies at the Murph!

Take your kids out to Murphy Park and enjoy a family movie, free! The first movie will take place on Friday, March 25, 2016, at Murphy Park Amphitheatre, which is located at 58th Avenue & Glendale Avenue starting at dusk. Here is a list of the dates and the movies. Pre-movie events kick off at 6:00 pm.

1. Minions (PG) - March 25th
2. Inside Out (PG) - April 8th
3. The Good Dinosaur (PG) - April 22nd
4. Frozen (PG) - May 6th
5. Big Hero 6 (PG) - May 22nd



Shred Event March 26

The Glendale Police Department will host a Shred Event on Saturday, March 26, from 8-11 am. The event will take place at Target, located at 10101 N. 42nd Ave.



Each household is limited to five (5) banker's boxes and due to demand, this service may conclude if trucks are full. I would like to thank the Glendale Police Department for their assistance

in scheduling and facilitating this event. For additional information, please call 623-930-2250.

SPRING SHRED EVENT APRIL 9

Free Shredding Service Sponsored by Glendale Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff and Glendale Police

Glendale Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff and the Glendale Police Department will be sponsoring a Spring Shred Event on Saturday, April 9, from 8 -11 a.m. at Sierra Verde Elementary School, 7241 W Rose Garden Ln. This free document shredding service is a valuable resource that can help residents properly dispose of personal information that can lead to identity theft.

Each household is limited to five banker's boxes and due to demand, this service may conclude if trucks are full. For additional information, contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist, at 623-695-0440.

Tax season is the perfect time to evaluate documents that are stored and Glendale residents are encouraged to take steps to properly dispose of any item that can lead to identity theft. Identity theft has become a major problem in the United States with the Internal Revenue Service reporting that 2.7 million people had their identities stolen in 2014. It is a serious and growing crime. If you feel you are a victim of identity theft, contact the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000.

Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff serves the Cholla District which is located in northern Glendale, generally bounded by Pinnacle Peak Road on the north and Union Hills Drive on the south. Residents can view the council district map at www.glendaleaz.com/CityCouncil/districtmap.cfm.

City of Glendale, AZ
IHugh@glendaleaz.com | 5850 W. Glendale Ave
Glendale, AZ 85301
623-930-2249

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Copyright © 2016. All Rights Reserved.

City of Glendale, AZ, 5850 W. Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301

SafeUnsubscribe™ glendaleboards@glendaleaz.com



[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by ihugh@glendaleaz.com in collaboration with



Try it free today